

by his family, friends and community. I would like to take this moment to thank Al for his service, his sacrifice, and his steadfast devotion to the great state of New Mexico and the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING JACK D. BALLARD
AND THE U.S. CAPITOL POLICE

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, all of us who work on Capitol Hill owe a tremendous debt to the men and women of the U.S. Capitol Police. One of my constituents, Jack D. Ballard of Greenbrier County, wrote to me to share some of his own memories and about the friendships he forged during his tenure on the force of Capitol Hill's finest. His late father, Leonard H. Ballard Jr., who retired as an inspector after 38 years on the force instructed Jack that, "on Capitol Hill, you can be struck by lightning when there isn't a cloud in the sky." That's sound advice from a seasoned voice for everyone on the Hill.

Jack worked with many fellow West Virginians during his tenure on Capitol Hill, including Emery "Bud" Aliff, Donald Shumate, Jimmie Young, Lenvil Young, Charles Farmer, William Harrah, William Hall, and Lt. Colonel Jervis. Jack found a common trait among these West Virginians, they all worked together to get the job done.

Mr. Speaker, we all ought to celebrate that common thread of the "can do" spirit that weaves throughout the hills of West Virginia and throughout our Nation. It is a trait that has and can continue to serve our Nation well.

RECOGNIZING BROWN'S CIGAR
STORE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brown's Cigar Store on its 125th anniversary. Located in the historic Gaffer District of Corning, New York, Brown's Cigar Store has proudly served the community since 1889.

Brown's Cigar Store is locally owned and operated by the Smith family. As experienced tobacconists, Sue, Terry, and Bejay Smith use their knowledge and expertise to carry on the strong, time honored tradition of tobacconist culture.

At the turn of the twentieth century, local patrons would visit Brown's to get a haircut, purchase a steamship ticket, and converse about the latest news. Although the products and services have changed over the years, the sense of camaraderie remains as strong today as when the store first opened its doors to the Corning community. Today, the store offers its guests the opportunity to step back in time, to an era when friends and neighbors would gather to discuss family, sports, politics, and national news. Patrons of Brown's experience a warm and friendly atmosphere, where the

finest tobacco products and friendliest smiles are always in stock.

I once again congratulate Brown's Cigar Store on 125 years of success. As a small family-owned business in my home town, I am proud to recognize this impressive milestone.

HONORING STEPHANIE ARTHUR

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and admiration that I stand before you today to honor Ms. Stephanie A. Arthur, MPA for her dedication to advocacy and working to improve access for members of the African community in New York.

Stephanie Arthur is the Founder of the African Leadership Project, which is a civic training organization that provides a leadership pipeline for various professions. The overarching goal of the African Leadership Project is to foster and develop the talent of individuals within African communities, and match these individuals to key leadership opportunities throughout the community.

Ms. Arthur is a very accomplished individual. She is an alumna of the Women's Campaign School at Yale University, The White House Project, Eleanor's Legacy, Coro Leadership Center of New York, and the Center for American Women and Politics. Having gained tremendous experience and knowledge of the political realm over the years, Ms. Arthur has worked on several high-profile elections ranging across all levels of government, and is respected as a grassroots activist across the nation. As a first generation Ghanaian-American and important voice in the African Diaspora, Ms. Arthur has continuously taken her many acquired skills and used them to amplify the voice of the African community at large.

Today, Stephanie Arthur serves as the political strategist and Founder of S. Arthur Group, LLC, which is a boutique public affairs and government relations consultancy. Ms. Arthur continues to be a fierce advocate for immigrant rights, for the advancement of criminal justice policy, for gender equality, and for many other social justice issues that are important to all of our community's residents.

Ms. Arthur's dedication to working with civic organizations, individuals, and figures in public office speaks to her natural ability to build coalition of support for issues that matter to all of us, and it is this dedication and ability to lead that makes her such a valuable asset in our community.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Stephanie Arthur for her consistently remarkable dedication to public service.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JULIAN CROCKER

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the outstanding

public service of Dr. Julian Crocker, longtime educator, superintendent and public servant. Julian plans to retire this January after fifty years as a scholastic leader, a fixture of the San Luis Obispo County public school system.

Born and raised in Tennessee, Julian matriculated at Vanderbilt University and joined the United States Army shortly after graduating. On the completion of his term of service, Captain Crocker settled in sunny San Mateo, California in 1964, where he began to teach high school. Julian also earned a doctorate in Educational Administration from Harvard University in 1972, and upon returning to San Mateo, was appointed principal.

A renaissance man to the core, Julian recognized early in his career that education represented only the last, most public component of childhood development. All his professional life, he strove to unite broad coalitions of businesses, nonprofits and local government offices to improve housing and medical care for young and poor children.

Julian spent twenty one years as superintendent of different school districts in California—in San Mateo, Palo Alto and eventually Paso Robles. In 1999, he was elected County Superintendent of Schools for San Luis Obispo, in which capacity he has worked ever since. Under his tenure, San Luis Obispo expanded its charter school system, enlarged its English proficiency program, and founded the Grizzly Academy—an innovative boarding school for at-risk youth—in partnership with the California National Guard. These are but a few of his many accomplishments on behalf of his community.

Julian acquired a wealth of experience and knowledge from his years of service, a foundation of wisdom which I have often relied upon throughout the years, either by seeking his counsel directly or in meeting him and other County Superintendents to discuss educational needs on the Central Coast. I could always count on straight talk and sound advice—advice I took back with me to the halls of Congress.

In fact, in his office, Julian kept a framed quotation above his desk—one of my favorite Presidential quotes as it happens, from one of my favorite presidents: Theodore Roosevelt. It reads: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly . . ." Julian's arena has been the classroom, where he has lived that phrase, educating our students, expanding our curriculum, fighting to ensure students have the resources they need.

In this next chapter of his life, I know Julian is looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Donna, his children, and his six grandchildren. While the next County Superintendent of Schools for San Luis Obispo has large shoes to fill and Julian's presence will be missed, I know he will always remain involved on the issues important to him. I thank Julian for his friendship and counsel, and his leadership to improve education in California, and wish him and Donna all the best.

HISTORICAL RECORD OF FALEOMAVAEGA'S OPPOSITION TO CONSTRUCTION OF McDON- ALD'S AT UTULEI BEACH

HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to include, for historical purposes, information about my opposition to the construction of a McDonald's at Utulei Beach.

[Press Release, May 25, 2005]

FALEOMAVAEGA CALLS UPON McDONALDS CORPORATE OFFICERS TO INTERVENE AND HALT CONSTRUCTION AT UTULEI BEACH

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that he has written to Mr. Charles Tautolo, President and CEO of McDonalds American Samoa Franchise, and has expressed his opposition to construction of a McDonalds at Utulei Beach. A copy of the Congressmans letter dated May 25, 2005 and copied to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the President of the Senate and Senators, the Speaker and Representatives, the Vice Chairman and CEO of the McDonalds Corporation, and the Managing Director/CEO of McDonalds Australia, is included below:

Dear Mr. Tautolo:

I am writing to express my opposition to your decision to build a McDonalds restaurant at the Utulei Beach Park in American Samoa. I am also requesting a copy of your feasibility study pertaining to this proposed location.

It is my understanding that as a responsible corporation it has been the practice of McDonalds to conduct a feasibility study and/or an environmental impact assessment of a proposed site before construction of a new facility may proceed. I am hopeful that this is also the case in American Samoa and, for this reason, I would appreciate a copy of your study.

I also believe McDonalds feasibility study for the Utulei Beach Park should be shared with the people of American Samoa because they deserve to know what impact your proposed restaurant will have on the welfare of our community. While I applaud the many valuable contributions McDonalds has made in American Samoa, I do not believe your current plans are sensitive to the social and environmental concerns of our Territory.

Since the day McDonalds announced plans to build on the Utulei Beach, which is the only public beach in American Samoa, my office has been inundated with calls from constituents voicing their objections to your proposal. I have read of further complaints in our local papers and the Senate has passed a resolution recommending that the Governor not finalize the McDonalds lease.

I have also received a petition signed by water sport organizations incorporated in the U.S. Territory of American Samoa which includes Executive Committee Members of the American Samoa National Olympic Committee. Organizations opposed to the construction of a McDonalds at the Utulei Beach include the American Samoa Kayak Canoe Association Inc., the American Samoa Swimming Association Inc., the American Samoa Canoe Racing Association Inc., the Aiga Tautai O Samoa Inc., the American Samoa Yacht Racing Association Inc., the American Samoa Surfing Association Inc., the Pago Pago Game Fishing Association Inc. and Common Cause.

Aquatic sports such as sailing, canoeing, and yachting are flourishing at Utulei Beach. International sailing and especially outrigger events which celebrate our proud heritage have been hosted at Utulei Beach

and, in time, Utulei Beach may become a major tourist attraction. It is also my understanding that Utulei Beach offers the only stretch of shoreline where outrigger canoes and fautausi, or longboats, can enter deep water via the natural channel through the reef.

More importantly, Utulei Beach has been enjoyed by the people of American Samoa for generations and, in keeping with traditional Samoan culture, families travel for miles to swim or picnic at this public location so as to respect the more restrictive customs set forth by each village council. For many reasons, including the historical and social significance it holds for our families and the economic implications it has for our future, Utulei Beach must be preserved. This is why federal funds have been appropriated to finance the Utulei Beach Project which was included as a priority project for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

These are facts which I believe must be shared with the McDonalds Corporation and given the importance of this issue I am copying this letter to Mr. Jim Skinner, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, as well as Mr. Peter Bush, Managing Director/CEO, McDonalds Australia. I am also informing both that there are other sites available for construction of another McDonalds in American Samoa.

Also, with the popularity McDonalds enjoys in American Samoa, I am confident that the people of American Samoa will appreciate, support and welcome another McDonalds in any location other than Utulei Beach. In turn, McDonalds must be sensitive to the wishes of our people. The McDonalds Corporation has built its reputation on being a responsible corporate partner and invests millions of dollars to promote family values.

Therefore, I am hopeful that this issue will be immediately resolved at the corporate level. However, if I must go to the House Floor on a daily basis to express my outrage about McDonalds unwillingness to respect the publics concerns regarding your proposed lease agreement with the local government, I will have no choice but to do so.

Sincerely,

ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA

Member of Congress.

cc: Gov. Togiola Tulafono; Lt. Gov. Ipulasi Aitofele Sunia; President of the Senate and Senator; Speaker of the House and Representatives; Mr. Jim Skinner, Vice Chairman & CEO, McDonalds Corporation; Mr. Peter Bush, Managing Director/CEO, McDonalds Australia

I am hopeful that this matter will be resolved locally but, if not, I have called upon the McDonalds Corporation to immediately intervene and put an end to construction at Utulei Beach. Constructing a McDonalds at the only public beach in American Samoa goes against the core values of the McDonalds Corporation which promotes an agenda of community involvement, environmental protection, and a promise to earn the trust of its customers and everyone else affected by its business. It is time for McDonalds to live up to its promise and I trust that all involved will do right by the people of American Samoa, the Congressman concluded.

[Press Release, June 29, 2005]

FALEOMAVAEGA AND McDONALDS MEET TO DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION AT UTULEI BEACH

Congressman Faleomavaega announced today that Mr. Bo Bryant, Director of Federal Government Relations for the McDonalds Corporation, contacted his office on June 17, 2005 and requested a meeting to discuss the controversy surrounding the potential construction of a McDonalds at Utulei beach. The meeting was held yesterday in the Congressmans Washington office and Ms. Nicole E. Storey, a Government Relations

Specialist for McDonalds, also attended the meeting. The meeting was in response to Congressman Faleomavaegas letter to Mr. Charles Tautolo dated May 25, 2005 and copied to the Vice Chairman and CEO of the McDonalds Corporation.

My meeting with Mr. Bryant was very worthwhile, the Congressman said, and I am pleased that the McDonalds corporation is taking this issue seriously. McDonalds has built its reputation on being a good corporate citizen and upholding the values of the communities which it serves and, today, the McDonalds corporation has demonstrated that the people of American Samoa matter.

My job is to make sure that your concerns on behalf of the people are heard and addressed, Mr. Bryant told the Congressman, and we are only at the beginning of this process. Mr. Bryant gave the Congressman his personal assurances that he would report back to his leadership about the concerns the Congressman raised in the meeting and that he would also keep Congressman Faleomavaega updated as this matter progresses.

From the outset, I made it clear that the people of American Samoa will support the establishment of another McDonalds at any location other than our only public beach. However, as I explained to Mr. Bryant, there is no point of compromise when it comes to Utulei beach and I remain hopeful that this situation can be diffused.

While I appreciate the contributions Mr. Tautolo has made to the local community, I expressed my concerns about the feasibility study that should have been conducted before any kind of contractual agreement was entered into between McDonalds and our local government. In fact, I informed Mr. Bryant that I had requested a copy of the feasibility study but, to date, I have not received a copy or a response to my request, Faleomavaega said.

Mr. Bryant said that he was not aware of whether or not a feasibility study had been conducted and he thought that at least four or five more permits still needed to be acquired and, without those, construction could not begin. He said it was also his understanding that a public hearing would be scheduled in the near future and he asked if I would like to participate. I told him that if my schedule permits I will definitely participate.

I also informed Mr. Bryant that our local Senate passed a resolution opposing construction at Utulei beach and that Mr. Roy Hall, the general counsel for the Senate, is questioning the legality of the lease agreement. By law, any lease agreement that extends beyond 10 years must be approved by our Legislature. In this instance, it is my understanding that a lease agreement was signed between McDonalds and ASG for 9 years, 11 months and 29 or so days with an option to renew for 30 years.

Mr. Bryant said he was not aware of these developments and expressed concern about the questions surrounding the lease agreement. As Mr. Bryant agreed, use of the McDonalds name is not just a local issue. McDonalds is a global corporation worth approximately \$36 billion and the corporation is very protective of its name.

If we were talking about a local fast-food operation not affiliated with a national or international chain, then this would be a local issue. But we are not talking about a village store. We are talking about McDonalds and, therefore, the McDonalds corporation is interested in what is happening in American Samoa, the Congressman said.